

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6961–S6981.*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2083–2090, and S. Res. 271. **Pages S6974–75**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 766, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders. (S. Rept. No. 114–147)

S. 627, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–148) **Page S6974**

**Measures Passed:**

**Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act:** Senate passed S. 599, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6979–80**

**Dinosaur National Monument Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 271, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Dinosaur National Monument and designating October 4, 2015, as “Dinosaur National Monument Day”. **Page S6980**

**House Messages:**

**TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6963–66**

**Pending:**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S6963**

McConnell Amendment No. 2690 (to Amendment No. 2689), to change the enactment date. (Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S6963**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 271), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689 (listed above). **Page S6966**

McConnell motion to refer the House message on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2691, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689. **Pages S6963, S6966**

McConnell Amendment No. 2692 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2691), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the House message on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2691 (listed above) fell. **Pages S6963, S6966**

McConnell Amendment No. 2693 (to Amendment No. 2692), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2692 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2691) (listed above) fell. **Pages S6963, S6966**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2015; and that all time during the recess or adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689 (listed above). **Page S6980**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S6980–81**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6974**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S6974**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S6973–74**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S6977–79**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S6979**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—271) **Page S6966**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

September 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6980.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MIGRATION CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on the migration crisis in the Middle East and Europe from Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Migration, and Refugees; Barbara Strack, Chief of Refugee Affairs, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Maria Cancian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Policy, Administration for Children and Families.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 3620–3634; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 445–446 were introduced. **Page H6306**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6307–08**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2061, to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–268); and

H. Res. 444, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3495) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions, and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 114–269). **Page H6306**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6263**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6264**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H6265**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees Act:* H.R. 1624, amended, to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer; **Pages H6265–67**

*Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015:* S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; **Pages H6267–68**

*Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015:* H.R. 313, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability; **Pages H6268–69**

*Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act of 2015:* S. 565, to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts; **Pages H6269–71**

*GONE Act:* H.R. 3089, amended, to close out expired grants; **Pages H6271–72**

***Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2015:*** H.R. 3614, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund;

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***EACH Act:*** H.R. 2061, amended, to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate;

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***Ensuring Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2015:*** S. 139, to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions;

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***Higher Education Extension Act of 2015:*** H.R. 3594, to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program;

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***Amending the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa:*** H.R. 2617, amended, to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa;

Pages H6281–84

***Cross-Border Rail Security Act of 2015S:*** H.R. 2786, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to submit a report on cross-border rail security, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 520;

Pages H6284–85, H6291

***Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2835, amended, to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 519; and

Pages H6285–87, H6290–91

***Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2015:*** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6265.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2082 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6290–91, and H6291. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### WOMEN'S PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3495, the “Women’s Public Health and Safety Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H.R. 3495. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of October 1, 2015. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blackburn and Schakowsky.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Transportation Security Administration’s efforts to address inspector general findings, 11:15 a.m., SD–138.

**Committee on Armed Services:** to hold hearings to examine United States Cybersecurity policy and threats; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Adewale Adeyemo, of California, and Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector

General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on oversight of our nation's pipeline network, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine economy-wide implications of President Obama's air agenda, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to receive a briefing on the Endangered Species Act, focusing on perspectives from the Fish and Wildlife Service and State governors, 2 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine financial and economic challenges in Puerto Rico, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on the humanitarian crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the changing landscape of United States-China Relations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the impact of exposure to toxic chemicals on veterans and the VA's response, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research, hearing to highlight research innovations achieved by our nation's agricultural colleges and universities, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Outside Perspectives on the Department of Defense Cyber Strategy", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "USAF Bomber Force Structure—current requirements and future vision", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 3459, the "Protecting Local Business Opportunity Act", 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "An Overdue Checkup: Examining the ACA's State Insurance Marketplaces", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Disrupter Series: How the Sharing Economy Creates Jobs, Benefits Consumers, and Raises Policy Questions", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8, the "North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015"; H.R. 3242, the "Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015"; and Proposed Matters for Inclusion in Reconciliation Recommendations, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Impact of Domestic Regulatory Standards on the U.S. Insurance Market", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "U.S. Counterterrorism Efforts in Syria: A Winning Strategy?", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, the "Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2015", 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Healthy Competition? An Examination of the Proposed Health Insurance Mergers and the Consequent Impact on Competition", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled "The Potential Implications of Pending Marine National Monument Designations", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled "State, Local, and Tribal Approaches to Forest Management: Lessons for Better Management of our Federal Forests", 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 286, the "Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2015"; and H.R. 872, the "Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Planned Parenthood's Taxpayer Funding", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Astrobiology and the Search for Life Beyond Earth in the Next Decade", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, joint hearing entitled "The Blacklist: Are Small Businesses Guilty Until Proven Innocent?", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Full Committee, markup on legislative proposals in response to the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of S. Con. Res. 11, 10:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 29

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 29

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the message to accompany H.R. 719, TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act, post-cloture.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 3495—Women's Public Health and Safety Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the rules.

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